(d) the number of cases of the accidents in 1992 that have been referred to the Commissioner of Railway Safety?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Railway zone-wise details of the train accidents occurred during the year 1992 are as under :—

Railway	Collisions	Derailments	Level Crossing Accidents	Fire in trains	Total
Central	7	42	7	2	58
Eastern	7	45	4	—	56
Northern	6	42	11	2	61
North Eastern	1	27	10	—	38
Northeast Frontier	—	50	1	—	51
Southern	4	41	6	1	52
South Central	4	47	5	1	57
South Eastern	8	82	4	—	94
Western	4	40	8	1	53

(c) As a result of these accidents, 287 persons lost their lives and 894 were injured. The amount of compensation paid during 1992 was Rs. 237.69 lakhs.

(d) 22.

Creation of New Railway Zone with Bhubaneswar as Headquarters

339. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to create a new Railway Zone with Bhubaneswar as Headquarters; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider the inclusion of Visakhapatnam Division in South Central Railway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Accident to Rajdhani Express

340. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:
SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:
SHRI MOHAMMAD AMIN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rajdhani Express met with an accident

near Kanpur as a result of hitting a goods train;

(b) if so, how many lost their lives and what was the loss incurred by the Railways to the bogies;

(c) whether it is a fact that after the accident, the belongings of the ill-fated train were looted by anti-social elements; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure safe journey to rail commuters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Eight persons lost their lives and 35 sustained injuries in this accident and loss to the bogies is Rs. 5,62,00,000/-.

(c) No, Sir

(d) Some of the steps taken to ensure safe journey to rail commuters are as under:—

(i) Intensive inspections of maintenance depots of coaches, wagons and locomotives.

(ii) Monitoring the performance of the staff of the critical safety categories as drivers, guards, station masters, etc.

(iii) Intensive training to staff in operational categories.

(iv) Counseling and training of drivers and guards in proper check up of their trains en route when hot axle or some deficiencies are reported.

(v) Better awareness among station staff to detect the abnormalities in time and take prompt action to stop the trains.

(vi) Strengthening of arrangements to watch out moving trains for hot axles etc. from both sides of the train.

Construction of Railway lines during Eighth five year plan

341. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Railway lines proposed to be constructed during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether these also include any area of Rajasthan, Haryana and Punjab;

(c) if so, whether Fatehbad of Haryana is also to be linked with Delhi Rohtak Panipat during the Eighth Plan; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) A statement is attached. (See below)

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Details of construction of railway lines during Eighth Five Year Plan

S. No.	Lines to be constructed during Eighth Plan
1	2
1	Mathura-Alwar (119.75 km.)—Rajasthan.
2	Satna-Rewa (50 km.)
3	Guna-Etawah (348.25 km.)
4	Panvel-Karjat—Land acquisition for new BG line.